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SUBJECT: WILLIAMS APPOINTMENT AS EC DIRECTOR-GENERAL
FOR ENERGY

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1. FOR THE RECORD HMG SOURCES NOTE REPORTS THAT

LEONARD WILLIAMS (DEPUTY SECRETARY, ENERGY) WILL
REPLACE FERNAND SPAAK AS EC DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR
ENERGY ARE PREMATURE. THEY SAY NOVEMBER 19 MEETING
OF COMMISSION WHICH WILL CONSIDER OTHER CANDIDATES
IS LIKELY TO BE DECISIVE ONE.

2. WILLIAMS ACKNOWLEDGES CONFIDENTIALLY THAT HIS
CHANCES ARE EXCELLENT. HE ADMITS TO VERY MIXED
EMOTIONS ABOUT TAKING DIRECTOR-GENERAL SLOT WHICH HE
CALLS A REAL POLITICAL FOOTBALL. IF APPOINTED,
WILLIAMS WOULD EXPECT TO ASSUME HIS NEW DUTIES IN EARLY
JANUARY.

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